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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims				
32	- 34	= 0	x 18.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims				
4	- 3	= 1	x 86.00	= \$86.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				86.00

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